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SUBJECT: GOJ TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOAN TO LIBERIA

1. TODAY'S NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT GOL AND GOJ SIGNED AGREEMENT FEBRUARY 28, FOR 6.3 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO EXPAND TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN LIBERIA. ACTING FINMIN EDWIN WILLIAMS SIGNED FOR GOL; AMBASSADOR KATAYAMA SIGNED FOR GOJ.

2. PROJECT IS EVENTUALLY TO BE PART OF A PROPOSED PAN-AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND WILL CONNECT LIBERIA WITH SIERRA LEONE, GUINEA AND IVORY COAST. PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS AND WILL INCLUDE ENGINEERING, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MULTI-CHANNELED MICROWAVE RADIO RELAY SYTEMS FROM MONROVIA, DOMESTICALLY AND TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

3. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBOFF (WHO CONFIRMED ABOVE DETAILS) LOAN IS TO BE REPAID OVER EIGHTEEN (18) YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING A SEVEN (7) YEAR GRACE PERIOD. INTEREST IS FOUR (4) PERCENT. JAPAN IS TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND FIRST YEAR MAINTENANCE. MANFULL

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